



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 568

LCO No. 1213

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 19a-673a of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 the Commissioner of Public Health to revise current debt collection
- 3 regulations to: Reduce the amount a hospital can claim as judgment
- 4 interest, to transfer the burden of court costs from the patient to the
- 5 hospital, to discourage the use of wage attachments and liens, to limit
- 6 the ability of a hospital to sue spouses for unpaid debts, and to require
- 7 debt collection notices be provided in both English and Spanish.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Public Health to revise current regulations concerning hospital debt collection practices.